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		First Named Inventor Joe Y.L. Lam
		Group Art Unit 1639
		Examiner Name Maurie Garcia Baker
		Attorney Docket Number 4446D1

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

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Responsive to the final Office Action mailed August 25, 2003, reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully requested.

Remarks begin on page 2 of this paper.